

28 May 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR:

CIA/TCO

Dir of Project

SUBJECT:

COMINT Reaction Support to AQUATONE
Operations

25X3

1. The National Security Agency has extensive COMINT coverage [redacted] which would undoubtedly collect extensively [redacted] reactions in the event of an AQUATONE approach [redacted] It is understood that, in the course of a recent visit [redacted] indicated that this coverage [redacted] might be made available to Operations and the intelligence community (and kept out of general circulation within the United States intelligence community) by an informal arrangement [redacted] [redacted] without the necessity of clearing either him or his people.

25X3

25X3

2. Investigation recently conducted ^{by NSA} now suggests that this is highly improbable because of the extensive coverage available to National Security Agency from the area in question. Accordingly, ^{NSA} it is our belief that if indeed operations are going to be conducted [redacted] it would be preferable, from the standpoint of security

25X3

- 2 -

within the United States, to have the commander [redacted] 25X3
[redacted] cleared and witting along with such people under his command
as are necessary in exactly the same way as we have been operating

[redacted] 25X3

3. National Security Agency has also explored the hazards
as far as [redacted] COMINT coverage of the area is concerned.

This, too, will be extensive. Unless [redacted] 25X6

[redacted] alerted [redacted] it 25X6

is expected that there will be wide dissemination of the COMINT
reactions [redacted] This raw 25X6

material will also flow to the United States inasmuch as there is
no effective means of screening out such raw material unless the
dozen or so people in National Security Agency responsible for
screening [redacted] take which enters the United States are
cleared and instructed as to what to eliminate. *contract*

4. If it is deemed by Operations desirable to constrain
the dissemination of information and thereby *at least reduce probability* induce speculation
both among [redacted] COMINT researchers, it is
recommended that steps be taken to develop an informal arrange-
ment [redacted] and request discreet handling
of the materials [redacted] 25X6